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WASHINGTON, July 30, 1987 -- Freight traffic carried on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 25 totaled an estimated 18.2 billion ton-miles, 5.5 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 514.6 billion ton-miles carried, up 3.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended July 25 totaled 400,263, up 4.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 2.1 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 4.1 percent in the East and up 4.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 4,862 cars loaded (18.2 percent), and chemicals and allied products increased by 2,725 cars (12.1 percent). Fifteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the preceding week ended July 18 totaled 99,406 trailers and/or containers, 5.8 percent below last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 2,796,148 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/25/87:

	Loadings in Week ended July 25, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,589	I	4,862	18.2	D	2,893	8.4
Other farm products	3,320	I	451	15.7	D	214	6.1
Metallic ores	17,188	D	1,322	7.1	I	1,737	11.2
Coal	112,358	D	24	0.0	I	4,561	4.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,580	I	2,229	15.5	I	166	1.0
Nonmetallic minerals	7,950	D	594	7.0	D	539	6.3
Grain mill products	10,732	I	443	4.3	I	26	0.2
Food and kindred products	11,004	I	354	3.3	I	446	4.2
Primary forest products	11,040	I	764	7.4	I	153	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,211	I	260	3.3	D	22	0.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,060	D	159	1.3	I	342	2.9
Chemicals and allied products	25,264	I	2,725	12.1	I	936	3.8
Petroleum products	5,233	I	341	7.0	I	78	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,267	I	910	8.8	I	184	1.7
Coke	5,475	I	1,927	54.3	I	562	11.4
Metals and products	9,084	I	419	4.8	I	31	0.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,967	D	2,420	13.9	I	439	3.0
Waste and scrap materials	8,497	I	545	6.9	D	92	1.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,744	D	247	8.3	D	215	7.3
All other carloads	75,628	I	5,698	8.1	I	2,654	3.6
LCL traffic	72	D	37	33.9	I	7	10.8
Total Cars Loaded	400,263	I	17,125	4.5	I	8,347	2.1
Corresponding week of 1986	383,138						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks)	11,525,970	11,222,081	I 2.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
29 Weeks ended July 18	496.4	481.0	I 3.2
Week ended July 25	18.2	17.3	I 5.5
30 Weeks cumulative	514.6	498.2	I 3.3

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